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## New Water Trail on the San Antonio River

Goliad, TX (April, 2007) - Canoe Trail Goliad and its partners celebrated the launching of a new paddle trail on the San Antonio River in Goliad County. The paddle trail segment connects a highway put-in, a county access site, and Goliad State Park, over a stretch of 6.6 miles. At the ribbon-cutting event, the stretch was designated as a Texas Parks and Wildlife paddling trail, a component of a paddle trail program designed to encourage new paddlers and families to get out on Texas' rivers. The designated stretch is one segment of a longer 58-mile corridor promoted by Canoe Trail Goliad. The NPS Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program assisted the project by developing concept plans for six easy access launch sites, helping with a fundraising plan, leading the partners through a process to adopt their mission and objectives, and participating in a kayaking training program for youth in the community. Key partners joining Canoe Trail Goliad in its paddle trail project include the San Antonio River Authority, Goliad County, and Texas Parks and Wildlife. For more information, please contact Kathryn Nichols, Community Planner, at [kathryn\\_nichols@nps.gov](mailto:kathryn_nichols@nps.gov) or 512- 245- 7246.



## Trails Partner Recognized for Excellence and Innovation

Kansas City, KS (May 2007) - The President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the National Endowment for the Humanities have named the Discovery Trails Program of Accessible Arts, Inc. as a semifinalist for their prestigious *Coming Up Taller* Award. The award recognizes excellence in arts- and humanities- based programs for youth beyond the school hours.

Accessible Arts' Discovery Trails Program is an innovative trails partnership program that engages visually impaired and blind teens in educational adventures on the Oregon, California, Mormon Pioneer, Pony Express, Santa Fe, and Lewis & Clark National

Historic Trails. The program, organized and conducted by Accessible Arts, Inc., with the Kansas School for the Blind, has received Challenge Cost Share and technical support from the NPS National Historic Trails offices in Santa Fe, Salt Lake City, and Omaha since 2002. A national jury will announce this year's *Coming Up Taller* winners by the end of June, at which winners will receive a plaque and a \$10,000 award. For more information, please contact Lee Kreutzer, NPS, National Trails- Salt Lake City at [lee\\_kreutzer@nps.gov](mailto:lee_kreutzer@nps.gov) or 801- 741- 1012 ext. 118.

## Secretary Kempthorne Designates 40 New National Recreation Trails in 22 States



Ribbon cutting on the Timucuan Multi-use Trail. Photo courtesy Robert Joseph.

Nationwide (June 1, 2007) - The new National Recreation Trails showcase the diversity of the American landscape. They range from the quarter mile Balfour Riverwalk Trail in downtown Attleboro, Mass. to the 1,500- mile long Florida Circumnavigational Saltwater Paddling Trail, considered by some as the water version of the Appalachian Trail for its length and scenic features.

The country's 1,000<sup>th</sup> National Recreation Trail honors one of the heroes of September 11, 2001. The Rich Guadagno Memorial Trail in Oregon commemorates the life of the devoted U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Refuge Manager who died aboard Flight 93. The Guadagno Trail is one of 40 newly designated National Recreation Trails announced by Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne, as is the Timucuan Multi- use Trail, pictured above. "The National Recreation Trail System connects Americans with the beauty of the great outdoors," said Kempthorne. "It is entirely fitting that the 1000<sup>th</sup> trail be named after Rich Guadagno, a man who dedicated his life to preserving nature and sharing his passion for the land with others." For more information, please contact Cherri Espersen at [cherri\\_espersen@nps.gov](mailto:cherri_espersen@nps.gov) or 202- 354- 6920 or see the full press release at: [http://www.nps.gov/ncrc/programs/rtca/news&events/ne\\_nrt.htm](http://www.nps.gov/ncrc/programs/rtca/news&events/ne_nrt.htm)

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